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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT CARTER'S ARMS POLICY

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1. ON MAY 28 I FINALLY OBTAINED APPOINTMENT WITH FOREIGN MINISTER ABDALLAH AL-ASNAJ WHO HAS BEEN ILL FOR OVER A WEEK TO PRESENT AIDE MEMOIRE IN BOTH ENGLISH AND ARABIC CONVEYING TO YARG CONTENTS OF REFTEL CONCERNING USG'S RECENTLY-ENUNCIATED POLICY ON ARMS SALES. I EMPHASIZED TO FOREIGN MINISTER USG'S DESIRE TO WORK OUT THESE SALES IN AMICABLE AND REALISTIC MANNER KEEPING IN MIND PRESIDENT CARTER'S MAJOR POLICY AIM TO BRING ABOUT REDUCTION OF SUCH SALES AROUND THE WORLD IN ORDER TO PERMIT INTER ALIA THE DIVERSION OF FUNDS AWAY FROM MILITARY PROJECTS INTO MORE PRODUCTINVE AND LONGER-LASTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

2. AL-ASNAJ EXPRESSED APRECIATION FOR BRIEFING AND SAID THAT HE WOULD STUDY THE AIDE MEMOIRE VERY CAREFULLY BEFORE MAKING ANY COMMENTS ON IT. HE PROMISED TO BE BACK IN TOUCH WITH ME TO DISCUSS THE MATTER MORE FULLY.

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3. AL-ASANJ CONTINUED THAT AT THE SAME TIME, HOWEVER, HE WISHED TO NOTE THAT WHILE USG'S DESIRE TO REDUCE ARMS SALES IS ADMIRABLE AND PRAISEWORTHY OTHERS ARE NOT SO PREPARED AND MOREOVER ARE WILLING TO SUPPLY ARMS FOR POLITICAL AND IDEOLOGICAL PURPOSES WHENEVER THE OPPORTUNITY ARISES. USG MUST, THEREFORE, REALIZE THAT IT HAS AN OBLIGATION

TO HELP ITS FRIENDS AROUND THE WORLD DEFEND ARR PROTECT
THEMSELVES. AL-
ASNAJ CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT YARG PUTS
GREAT VALUE ON ITS NEW ARMS RELATIONSHIP WITH USG AND
HOPES THAT USG WILL SEE SIMILAR VALUE IN CONTINUING TO
HELP YARG IN CONCERT WITH SAUDI ARABIA SO THAT YARG MAY
WITHSTAND THREATS COMING TO IT FROM EXTREMIST REGIMES IN
AREA WHICH CAN COUNT ON FULL SUPPORT, WHENEVER THEY WANT
OR NEED IT, FROM THE SOVIET UNION.
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